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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1168

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECAFE: VN,

SUBJECT: RED: ECAFE - PRG AND KHMER ISSUES AT
30TH SESSION

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1. DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA, TAN BOONSENG, ADVISED
DCM MARCH 13 THAT GOS IS STILL STUDYING PRG
AND KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE WHICH MAY
COME UP AT ECAFE MEETING IN COLOMBO.
EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING HIS OWN
PERSONAL VIEW TAN SAID HE THOUGHT GOS SHOULD
VOTE AGAINST ADMITTANCE OF BOTH PRG AND GRUNK
AT COLOMBO. HE SAID CASE AGAINST GRUNK WAS PAR-
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THE ISSUE UNTIL NEXT FALT. HOWEVER, THEDQUESTION

WAS STILL BEFORE THE MINISTER AND A FINAL DECISION
ON THE GOS POSITION HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN.

2. DCM REVIEW US POSITION (REFTEL) AND REFERRED
TO FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM'S RECENT COMMENT TO
VISITING ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL THAT HANOI
WAS NOT AT ALL ANXIOUS THAT GVN NEGOTIATIONS WITH
NLF SUCCEED. DCM POINTED OUT THAT IF COMMUNIST
CHINA OR HANOI WERE SUCCESSFUL IN INCREASING PRG
STATUS AT ECAFE OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, IT
WOULD NOT ONLY UNDERCUT GVN BUT ALSO UNDERMINE POSSI-
BILITY OF POLITICAL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GVN AND
HRG WHICH HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN PARIS AGREEMENT.

3. TAN SAID HE HAD ADVISED GVN CHARGE TRUONG BUU DIEN
WHO HAD RECENTLY APPROACHED HIM ON THE SUBJECT THAT
HE SHOULD URGE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE COMMON
STAND ON THIS ISSUE. TAN SAID TH S MIGHT AVOID ANY
REPETITION OF THE "ABERRATION" WHICH OCCURRED AT THE
LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHERE INDONESIA
VOTED FOR AND MALAYSIA VOTED AGAINST SEATING OF PRG.
HE THOUGHT INDONESIAN VOTE AT GENEVA WAS ODD IN VIEW
OF INDONESIA'S MEMBERSHIP ON THE ICSC IN VIETNAM.

4. TRUONG BUU DIEN SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THAT TAN
HAD ADVISED GVN TO APPROACH ASEAN GOVERNMENTS ON THIS
ISSUE AND THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO SAIGON THAT GVN
OFFICE IN JAKARTA BE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH ASEAN
SECRETARY GENERAL REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM ALL ASEAN
GOVERNMENTS. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SAIGON HAD ACTED
ON HIS RECOMMENDATION.

5. COMMENT: WITH ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
IN SINGAPORE MARCH 14 BELIEVE GOS WILL PROBABLY
USE OCCASION TO SOUND OUT OTHER ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES
ON THIS ISSUE. IF MAJORITY OF ASEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE
PREPARED TO SUPPORT GVN, BELIEVE GOS WILL FOLLOW SUIT.
AMBASSADOR EXPECTS TO SEE FONMIN LATER THIS WEEK
AND WILL USE OCCASION TO REITERATE US POSITION AND
REQUEST SUPPORT.

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